

מקדמים חוזרים

Kedumim squatters urged to leave

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Jerusalem Post Reporter
KEDUMIM — The military governor of the West Bank came to this settlement last night in a last-ditch effort to persuade residents to abandon the adjoining Arab-owned land which they had seized on Tuesday and thus avoid a confrontation with the IDF.

many of the settlers spent the evening singing in smooch which they had put up around the makeshift structures. Others bedded down for the night in sleeping bags.
The women and children had been sent to sleep in their homes within the Kedumim fences. But they were told to rush through the olive grove between Kedumim and the seized land if summoned over loudspeakers.

prayers.
In success between the first two structures, children sang and ate sweets, celebrating Shalom Gur's eighth birthday party. TV personnel stood or played backgammon after filming the small structures and the placards addressed to Begin.
"The Days of the Ghetto are Over. We are Now in Zion," one placard said.

Ehrlich spills beans on visit of top Chilean

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich yesterday let slip the fact that the Chilean finance minister has been visiting Israel this week. His presence had been kept under wraps by the Foreign Ministry, presumably to avoid negative publicity about Israel's relations with Chile's dictatorial regime.

Begin's reshuffle talks seen starting next week

Jerusalem Post Staff
Prime Minister Menachem Begin next week will begin consultations with his coalition partners for a redistribution of cabinet portfolios. The premier's decision to move on the reshuffle follows talks yesterday with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich — whose post is at the centre of the cabinet reorganization controversy.

speculations. They say the premier is unlikely to determine either the scope or the nature of what they term a cabinet reorganization — rather than reshuffle — before he completes his talks with the coalition leaders.
Neither Begin nor Ehrlich made it clear yesterday whether Ehrlich would be included in the reshuffle. But it seemed certain that both were considering this possibility only within the framework of an overall redistribution of portfolios. Ehrlich is sure to remain in a senior cabinet post which will oversee the country's economic affairs. (See related story, this page)

He also told Begin he believes most members of the Liberal Central Committee are with him in rejecting any interpretations of their decision as a call for his dismissal.
For the past several months Ehrlich has been urging Begin to make changes in the cabinet. Prior to his trip abroad, he proposed that Begin should appoint Dayan as finance minister.
Under this scheme, Yigael Yadin would replace Dayan as foreign minister and Ehrlich would become deputy premier.

Ehrlich splits with jurists: 'Attorneys' contract not binding

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter
Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has put himself clearly at odds with Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir and with the attorney-general's staff, who last week ruled that the wage agreement the government signed with the state attorneys was binding.

During an interview on last night's "Moked" television programme, Ehrlich said that in his opinion the agreement was impossible to execute. This was a condition recognized by law and if necessary the government would have to pay compensation for breach of contract.

witnesses and large-scale theft. In one case the presiding judge cross-examined witnesses in the absence of a prosecutor. Two state attorneys appeared under back-to-work orders in the Haifa District Court.



Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali exchange smiles at their joint press conference yesterday in Strasbourg, France. The two had just delivered speeches to the European Parliament. (AP radiophoto)

Ghali, Dayan disagree on talking with PLO

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — Egypt's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali urged Western Europe to pressure the U.S. and Israel into talking to the Palestine Liberation Organization, but Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan warned Europe to stay out of the dispute.

aware of the fact that vicious ideologies can take over practical politics."
He also attacked Europe for criticizing Israeli raids on PLO targets in Lebanon, saying that the governments of the continent "which was the scene of the Holocaust of the Jewish people in the last generation, should reflect upon their great responsibility, refrain from prejudging the issues."

At a closed meeting with the directors of his ministry, Ehrlich said that the agreement signed last month was not legally binding because the Histadrut had refused to sign it. This was also the opinion of Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman.

One of the apparent conclusions in such a situation would be that the attorney-general and the state attorney would have to defend the state against their own colleagues as well as in opposition to their own published legal opinion.

Each appealed to the director of the courts, Judge Moshe Nachit, to delay cases wherever possible because of the dispute. In many cases judges concurred with the request but nevertheless there were still a number of acquittals yesterday, and in cases involving income tax, the state is losing money for lack of representation.

Negev woman brutally slain

BEERSHEVA (Hlm) — A 19-year-old woman from a Negev settlement was murdered on Tuesday night and her body was found yesterday morning some 400 metres from the main road near the settlement by a passing soldier, police said yesterday.

and a plastic irrigation pipe.
Since the girl's underclothes were rolled up around her body, police think that she may have been raped before being killed. Her body has been taken to the Institute of Forensic Medicine.

Late Tuesday evening the state attorneys' committee rejected an appeal by Tamir that they delay their collective resignations until Sunday's cabinet session to give the ministers time to examine the agreement. This appeal was based on Monday's discussion between Tamir and Prime Minister Menachem Begin during which Begin told the minister that he accepted the principle that signed agreements must be honoured. The state attorneys repeated that a signed agreement did not need to be discussed but to be fulfilled.

Among those attorneys who have submitted formal letters of resignation (though they maintain that the government has in effect dismissed them) are the Tel Aviv, Central, Jerusalem and Southern District attorneys. Some of these have also submitted requests for one month's leave so that they need not appear during the 30 days it takes for the resignation to take effect but State Attorney Gavriel Bach has refused to grant leave.

A spokesman for Tamir refused to comment on Ehrlich's rejection of the attorney-general's opinion and the justice minister's unequivocal support for it. However, it seems clear that despite Ehrlich's refusal to discuss the agreement as long as the attorneys are not working, the issue will be raised on Sunday in the cabinet. The implications, as far as some Justice Ministry sources are concerned, go beyond the agreement with the state attorneys and challenge the status of the attorney-general and the functioning of the cabinet on a basic constitutional level.

5 deaths, more kidnappings reported in Lebanon feudings

BEIRUT — Scores of Lebanese mountain travellers remained in captivity yesterday and an obscure militia organization said it had "executed" a number of civilians kidnapped two days ago in inter-Christian feudings.

is led by Samir Geagea, a known Phalangist.
The organization issued a statement appealing to northern Lebanese Christians to support "this wave of kidnappings and lawlessness." It denounced the Franjeh clan for provoking the kidnappings and threatened "violent action" to halt them.

Bullion jumps, then slumps

LONDON (AP) — Gold jumped sharply on European bullion markets yesterday but sagged later. The American dollar again came under fire on foreign exchanges following a brief two-day respite.

Leumi management, workers meet today with Histadrut

TEL AVIV — The Histadrut has called a joint meeting of Bank Leumi's management and workers for this afternoon, to continue negotiations over the crisis which has closed Israel's largest banking network for a week.

prove any agreement reached, and the meeting was postponed until this afternoon.
The compromise formula they were to debate was originally put together by Shmuel Kneisberg, acting head of the Clerks Union in the Histadrut, and changed by both management and workers during the day.

The feud began 16 months ago when Franjeh accused the Phalangists of murdering his son Tony in June last year. Tony's wife, his three-year-old daughter and 30 followers also were gunned down.
The "Revolutionaries of the North" is believed to be an offshoot of the Phalangist Party, which fielded the strongest militia during Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war. Informed sources said the organization

'I'm not leaving Treasury'

Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A confident and pugnacious Simcha Ehrlich yesterday announced unequivocally that he has no intention whatever of quitting his post of finance minister in the foreseeable future. Ehrlich was answering questions put to him by a panel of interviewers on TV's "Moked" programme. For the first time he quashed in no uncertain terms all speculation about his resignation. The minister surprised his hearers by fielding questions adroitly and never allowing himself to be crowded into a corner.

his resignation would be the loss of confidence in him by the prime minister or a vote of no-confidence by his Liberal Party.
As for the first, he said that he enjoys Premier Menachem Begin's full support. But as for his position inside his own party, Ehrlich took the offensive and made it clear that he will not shy away from any showdown. "I behaved towards my colleagues with tolerance and leniency, which unfortunately were interpreted as weakness. From now on I intend to be more aggressive in my dealings," he said.

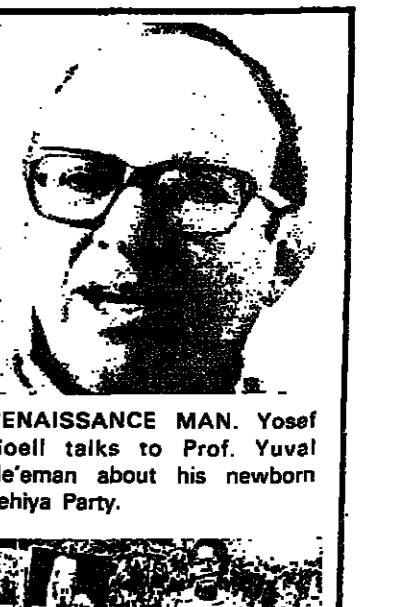
Ehrlich, Liberal Party foes set for showdown

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — "If Simcha Ehrlich refuses to see the writing on the wall, we will have no choice but to show it to him in all its stark clarity," Liberal opponents said yesterday following indications that he does not intend to vacate his office in the near future.

eral Committee resolution which advocated a cabinet reshuffle was a wide spectrum of party factions — including those headed by ministers Yitzhak Moda'i (Energy and Communications) and Gideon Patt, (Industry, Trade and Tourism), the Young Guard, led by former Deputy Finance Minister Yehzekiel Flomin, and independent MKs such as Menahem Savidov, Yitzhak Berman, Moshe Meron and others.

Int'l terminal at Etzion base

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT. — A new terminal for international flights will be inaugurated at the Etzion air force base west of here on October 22. Transport Minister Haim Landau told journalists on a tour of the site yesterday that the terminal costs US\$3.5 million. Instead of an earlier estimate of IL50m, for a new airport — because of the utilization of existing facilities at the base.



RENAISSANCE MAN. Yosef Goell talks to Prof. Yuval Ne'eman about his newborn Tehiya Party.

Sadat lambasts 'Libya-Saudi axis'

CAIRO (Reuters) — President Anwar Sadat yesterday accused Saudi Arabia and Libya of forming an anti-Egyptian axis, the official Middle East News Agency reported. Sadat told a meeting of Egyptian judges that "the new Saudi-Libyan axis operates out of grudge against Egypt which has regained its position in the region and in the world."



NOT BLACK-AND-WHITE. Moshe Sharon explains why he thinks South Africa is being misjudged.

Group said behind most disturbances in territories Authorities ban 'secret Palestinian organization'

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter
The military authorities have warned a number of territories that the administered territories that the activities of a body named as the "Preparatory Committee for the Palestine National Front" are illegal and that anyone who participates in it is liable to face prosecution.

dan); Kamallah Mayor Karim Khalaf; and Dr. Haidar Abdul-Shafi (chairman of the Gaza Red Crescent) and Dr. Ahmed Hamza Natshe, both of whom met recently with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Security forces succeeded in suppressing the PNF during 1974 and 1975, after a number of its leaders — some of whom now serve on the executive committee of the PLO — were deported from the territories. Members of the outlawed Jordanian Communist Party were especially active in the organization.

Reached by telephone at his Gaza home, Dr. Haidar Abdul-Shafi, purported to be a member of the "Preparatory Committee," disclaimed all knowledge of its existence. He said he had been warned not to take part in it by the military governor of Gaza on Tuesday.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL Because of the Succot holidays, there will be no regular meeting today of the Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Jaffa. Next Thursday, October 18, there will be a regular meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1 p.m., devoted to Rotary International Vocational Service Week.

RESHUFFLE (Continued from page 1) Party opponents that "if he won't go, we'll push him." Ehrlich said he was prepared to ask the Central Committee for a vote of confidence in his abilities, and he felt sure he would win overwhelming support. Ehrlich is reported to have told those close to him that he has three reasons for not resigning: he thinks all changes of personnel in the cabinet should be linked to a total reorganization; he fears for the stability of the entire cabinet if he is the only one to resign; and he thinks there are a number of urgent economic issues on the agenda. He cited these as including the collapse of the government's wage policy, the steps needed to check inflation, the revision of the budget and the preparation of next year's budget, and further subsidy cuts. Prior to his meeting with Begin, Ehrlich met with two other Liberal ministers, Gideon Fatt and Moshe Nassim. While economic affairs were the main item on the agenda, it is learned that they also discussed party matters. Ehrlich is due to go abroad again in 10 days, this time to the U.S. and Mexico.

GAMBLING. — Meir Tubol, caught red-handed organizing gambling during the Mitzvah celebrations this year, was yesterday sentenced by the Jerusalem magistrate's court to a fine of IL10,000, with the alternative of a four-month prison term. Tubol also got an eight-month suspended sentence.

SUPER SUCCA. — For the second year running, the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel has won the first prize for the capital's most beautiful succa.

HOME NEWS U.S. sees 'no problems' in Sinai clarification

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday expressed confidence that Israel's requested clarification regarding the tentative U.S.-Israel-Egyptian agreement on monitoring the Sinai withdrawal "will not cause any serious problems."

Spokesman Hodding Carter III told reporters that the Israeli government "basically accepts" the proposed arrangement reached late last month during talks here in Washington between Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Defence Minister Kamel Hassan Ali. Regarding the cabinet's request for U.S. clarification, spokesman Carter said Washington would be responding "shortly."

Israel officials, especially Dayan, have made it clear they regard the U.S. role during the next three years as decisive. They have been pleased by Washington's willingness to play such an active role, necessitated by

Terrorists attack UNIFIL unit

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER METULLA. — Palestinian terrorists yesterday attacked a Nepalese detachment of UNIFIL troops near the Khardala Bridge with bazookas and light artillery. Villagers from nearby Deir Nimas said the terrorists attacked the bridge twice and continued sniping at the UN soldiers throughout the morning. They said the terrorists also fired on Major Sa'ad Haddad's militia stronghold alongside Tel Libyaha.

Port workers won't admit ships

ASHDOD (Itim). — A power strike at the port here has held up work in the Marine Department for the last three days. The dispute is between the secretariat of the Labour Council and various labour activists, including Yehoshua Peretz. Port workers are preventing ships from passing the breakwaters because the secretariat has refused to confirm the results of last month's elections to the Marine Department

Haifa stevedores set citrus-loading record

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER HAIFA. — A gang of 10 Jewish and Druze stevedores set a back-breaking new citrus loading record in Haifa Port yesterday. In one shift, the team loaded 23,570 cases of grapefruit onto a ship, nearly 3,000 cases more than the previous record set last year.

Labour Young Guard ends talks

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The Labour Party's Young Guard yesterday ended its convention at Beit Berl after vigorous debate on the economy, the Histadrut, party function, Zionism and politics. The Palestinian question attracted the most attention among the 551 delegates. One proposed decision was to work for a Palestinian state which would include Jordan and parts of Judea and Samaria, which

Boy, 5, killed, 24 hurt on roads

A five-year-old child was killed and 24 persons were injured in nine road accidents which occurred between Tuesday morning and yesterday morning. The child, Shmuel Haviv of Rehov Yosefat, Bat Yam, was playing near his home when he was hit by a car driven by an 18-year-old soldier. The driver was held for questioning.

GHALI, DAYAN

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother ROSA TOPOLIANSKY The funeral will take place at 1 p.m., today Thursday, October 11, 1979, at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, Tel Aviv. In deep sorrow we announce the passing of my dear husband, our father and grandfather VICTOR BENAROYA The funeral will take place tomorrow, Friday, 12.10.79 at 12 noon at the Herzliya Cemetery, Rehov Pinaker. We meet at the cemetery gate. The bereaved family



Colin Dibley (right) shakes hands with Ili Nastase yesterday after Dibley knocked the No. 1 seed out of the Colgate Grand Prix tennis tournament at Ramat Hasharon.

Ratio of trimmed sentences: 9 officers for each soldier

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter The number of officers given reductions of sentence from the chief of staff or from officers who head the IDF's regional commands is nine times higher than that of ordinary soldiers. This emerges from a reply to a parliamentary question submitted to Defence Minister Ezer Weizman by MK Shmuel Toledoano (Shai). The chief military prosecutor provided the following statistics which accompanied Weizman's reply: 27 out of 35 officers who applied for reductions in sentence were answered affirmatively (80 per cent) while only 54 out of a total of 581 soldiers who applied enjoyed such reductions (9 per cent).



Electric Corporation director-general Ariel Amlad and company employees examine equipment yesterday at the Yarkon switching station, where the short circuit occurred which plunged the country into darkness on Tuesday.

Electric Corp. says worker 'threw the wrong switch'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation yesterday said that Tuesday's lengthy countrywide blackout was caused by human error. A switching maintenance man with 15 years of experience accidentally threw the wrong switch, spokesman Yoset Kidron explained, shoring a circuit at the Yarkon switching station and plunging the country into darkness. The company's conclusions notwithstanding, an official state commission of inquiry appointed by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i will begin work today. It is headed by Professor Michael Ertlitzky of the Technion's Electrical Engineering Faculty. Other members will be two engineers from the corporation and two others from the Energy Ministry.

Sports Unseeded Australian ousts Nastase in meet

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter RAMAT HASHERON. — Unseeded Australian Colin Dibley, 33, yesterday evening knocked No. 1 seed Ili Nastase out of the Israel Tennis Centre \$50,000 Colgate Grand Prix here, defeating the mercurial Rumanian 7-6, 7-5 in just 90 minutes in second-round action. Second-seeded Tom Okker of Holland joined Dibley in the quarter-finals with a comfortable 6-2, 6-2 win over local tennis star Haim Arlosoroff. Early yesterday, the "Flying Dutchman" had completed a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 success against Sweden's Tenny Svensson in an unfinished first round contest. The blackout had caused the finish of the match to be rescheduled for yesterday.

Okker, also aged 35, faces Shlomo Glickstein at 1.30 p.m. today in the quarter-final round. The two met in the semi-finals of the centre's \$25,000 Association of Tennis Professionals' tournament here last October, with Okker winning in straight sets and going on to take the event. At midnight Tuesday night, Glickstein achieved a brilliant 7-5, 6-7, 6-1 second-round victory over British Davis Cup player John Feaver in the tournament's best match to date. A way from the limelight, Sweden's Davis Cup players Per Hjertqvist and Stefan Simonsson, who were each ranked among the world's top six under-16 players last year, both reached the quarter-finals. Hjertqvist, the No. 8 seed, defeated South African Frew McMillan 6-4, 7-2, while Simonsson upset fifth-seeded Mike Cahill of the U.S. 6-4, 6-1.

Israel XI draws 0-0 with Belgium

Post Sports Reporter An Israel soccer team that showed weakness in attack was held to a 0-0 draw by the Belgian Olympic team in an Olympic qualifying round match in Brussels last night. The draw virtually eliminates Israel's hopes of reaching the second round of qualifying games. Belgium and Spain will probably go to the next stages, with Israel and Holland out of the running. Israel played the last 50 minutes of the game with only 10 men, after the

SOCCER PREVIEW/Paul Kohn All eyes on Bloomfield

TEL AVIV. — With the return of the national side from Olympic qualifying matches in the Belgian country, the national League soccer resumes this Saturday with the match of the day at Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa. There, Tel Aviv Hapoel will play at home to Netanya Maccabi. Both teams have won their first two league games. With Moshe Gariani, who had good games with the national team in the Netherlands, and David Lavie alongside Maccabi, the Netanya attack looks capable of getting goals and will certainly stretch the Hapoel defence. Tel Aviv Hapoel, without Yehoshua Feigenbaum, who is now with Shimshon, do not look as good in attack. But their defence has not conceded a goal this season. Hapoel might just save a point from this tough encounter. League champions Tel Aviv Maccabi travel to the Mahtesh in Ramat Gan to face Hakoah. This game will see Giora Spiegel wearing the colours of Hakoah, to which he transferred from Tel Aviv Maccabi in the off season. Although 33 years of age, Spiegel looked as good as ever in the first games of the season. He has been given the role of free-roaming sweeper for Hakoah. Although they are without Spiegel and Avi Cohen, Maccabi do not look seriously weakened and have also won both their games so far, though both only by a one-goal margin. Although Tel Aviv Maccabi look the stronger combination on paper, Hakoah at their Mahtesh ground should give them a hard game. Jerusalem Betar travel to Beersheba, and may be in a position to field Ehud Ben-Tovim, the tall striker they have been after from Hakoah. Also, Uri Mizlikian is expected to return to the line-up. With coach Anatoly Lefkovich concentrating on steadying the erratic performances of the Beersheba

Rain delays opener of World Series

BALTIMORE (AP). — The opening game of the 1979 baseball World Series between the Baltimore Orioles and Pittsburgh Pirates was postponed by a torrential rain storm on Tuesday night. It was the first time that the opening game of the seven-game series was called off because of rain.

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HOME NEWS

Beduin vow to fight land law

TEL AVIV (Him). — Negev Beduin yesterday warned that violence might break out against the proposed law to expropriate their land, which they said would "introduce racial discrimination into the state."



A thrifty Lake Kinneret awaits the winter rains. (M. Dekel)

'Settle Shlomi' draws 1,000

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The operation to attract young couples to the Western Galilee development town of Shlomi got off to an impressive start yesterday when more than 1,000 families visited E'nal B'rit House here to meet two representatives and to learn about employment possibilities in the area.

No pay expected for city workers Municipalities face paralysis

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Municipal services are likely to grind to a halt in the near future as the Union of Local Authorities emergency action committee yesterday instructed all municipal treasurers not to issue any cheques not covered by money in the bank.

Contrary to earlier reports, the Union of Local Authorities will not take part in this meeting. A source in the union said that Burg now realizes that the mayors are serious. The union expects Burg to raise the matter in Sunday's cabinet meeting if he isn't satisfied with Ehrlich's response.

Tavori said that he informed his works committee "with great regret" that they won't get money. The workers responded by saying that they will "not work a single day without being paid."

Frozen meat prices up soon by 20%

Jerusalem Post Reporter Imported frozen meat will soon rise in price by some 20 per cent. The price hike will be the second in six weeks. On September 16, prices went up 10 per cent from IL1.05 per kilo to IL1.15 per kilo.

Yadin: DM must keep all portfolios in a reshuffle

By SARAH HONIG Post Political Reporter TEL AVIV. — With a government reshuffle rumored, Deputy Premier Yigal Yadin yesterday warned that the Democratic Movement will not agree to any reduction in its cabinet representation.

Wage dispute hits cooking gas supply

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Distribution of Amisragas cooking gas was stopped yesterday because of a wage dispute with the company's salaried personnel.

Maccabi to charge 10% for drugs

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Maccabi sick fund members will pay 10 per cent of the price of each drug prescribed by their physician starting on November 1, according to a decision recently taken by the organization's executive.

Two W. Bank mayors to trial for scuffle

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter Ramallah Mayor Karim Khalaf and El-Bira Mayor Ibrahim Tawil are to stand trial next Tuesday on charges of scuffling with policemen in the corridor of the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem last November.

The incident took place as the court was hearing the controversial Beit El lands case. The scuffle reportedly occurred when the two men were not permitted to enter the hall.

8 held in terror investigation

Jerusalem Post Reporter Security forces have detained at least eight people from the village of Isawiya, east of Jerusalem, in a two-day operation in the village.

A similar search was conducted in the village of Silwan inside the municipal perimeter of Jerusalem. This area was not sealed off.

Prisoners' kin protest conditions

Jerusalem Post Reporter Relatives of Arab security detainees from the administered territories demonstrated outside the East Jerusalem offices of the Red Cross yesterday in protest about prison conditions.

prisoners in Beerseheba and Ashkelon jails were currently conducting a hunger strike against inadequate food and medical service.

New effort to avert teachers' sanctions

By ALAN ELSNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — An attempt will be made tomorrow morning to prevent disruptions of school lessons next week when the commissioner of work relations in the Labour Ministry, Nahman Ory, meets representatives of the teachers' union and the Civil Service Commission.

meetings during school hours. Neither union is thought to be considering a full-scale strike at this stage.

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Eliav, Sartawi to appear together

Jerusalem Post Reporter Former Shell MK Arye (Lova) Eliav and top Palestine Liberation Organization official Isam Sartawi will appear publicly together for the first time at a ceremony in Vienna on October 19 when they receive a peace prize from Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

Family battle over state's witness in robbery trial

TEL AVIV (Him). — Relatives of a state witness in the Bank Leumi armed robbery trial yesterday engaged in fist-fights and a shouting match in the four-floor corridor of the District Court here.

Jerusalemites conned by 'Egyptian tourist'

The Fuert family of Jerusalem were very excited when the Tourism Ministry asked them to tour an Egyptian tourist, Rayig Garais. He also visited their bookshop, where they willingly sold him books paid for with a Bank Leumi cheque.

State of Israel Ministry of Construction and Housing Contractors' Registrar Change of Address

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Advertisement for a family battle over state's witness in robbery trial.

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Kurds storm Iranian outpost, killing 13

TEHERAN — Rebel Kurds yesterday besieged an Iranian gendarmie outpost in which at least 13 people were killed, a gendarmie spokesman said.

The spokesman in the south Kurdish city of Kermanshah said that 40 government troops were holding out against several hundred guerrillas at the Hanigarmeh frontier post. He said communications with the post had been cut and the latest details of the fighting were not known.

Meanwhile, government sources said Defence Minister Mostafa Ali Chamran had flown to Kurdistan to direct a government counter-offensive against the latest guerrilla campaign.

Other border posts at Shushme and Nowshad also came under attack during the night and at least six people were wounded. Troop reinforcements were heading by land for the frontier zone, the gendarmie spokesman said.

Further north at Marivan and Irbil, three troops and 10 rebels were killed when guerrillas attacked the local gendarmie posts with artillery, the official Pars News Agency reported. In the former Kurdish stronghold of Bukan, in west Azerbaijan Province, Pars said four revolutionary guards were wounded in a mortar attack by Kurdish rebels.

Tuesday night's attacks followed a rebel ambush on Sunday night in which up to 80 Revolutionary Guards

were killed. Iran's chief of staff, Major General Hossein Shaker, said in a broadcast interview yesterday that the Kurds were killed after setting off from the border town of Sardasht to Banah against army advice.

A Revolutionary Guard spokesman denied a statement from the Defence Ministry that the column had left Sardasht without permission.

The operational commander of the Revolutionary Guards, Abu Sharif, was quoted yesterday by the Teheran newspaper, "Islamic Revolution," as saying the rebels were trained at Iraqi bases. "Most of the sabotage is done by people who have been trained in one of the four sabotage bases in Iraq," Sharif said.

Meanwhile, a top Iranian official and the Syrian foreign minister are visiting several Gulf states to assure Iran's neighbours that Iran's religious leaders do not want to export their revolution to the Gulf, according to informed Syrian sources. Sadeq Tabatabai, vice-premier and troubleshooter for Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini, arrived in Manama yesterday in a bid to improve relations between Iran and Bahrain.

Tabatabai and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam are to ally local fears stemming from statements by Iranian religious leaders that Bahrain and Kuwait are part of Iran.

(Reuters, AP, UPI)

Senate panel told of SALT verification

WASHINGTON (AP). — Most members of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee are more confident about verifying Soviet compliance with the SALT II agreement than was indicated in a recent committee report, chairman Birch Bayh, Democrat-Indiana, said yesterday.

The report said merely that ratification of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty would make it easier to monitor Soviet strategic activities. But it stopped short of saying the pact is adequately verifiable. Commenting after briefing the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his panel's two-year study of the verification questions, Bayh said he sought unanimity "to keep the intelligence committee out of the politics of SALT and to focus attention on the science of monitoring."

In another development, U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Defence Secretary Harold Brown were scheduled to go behind closed doors to ask for speedy congressional approval of the treaty. Their testimony before the committee will mark the last appearances by the nation's ranking diplomatic and military officials before the panel.

Meanwhile, Soviet diplomats in Washington say a Senate rejection of SALT II would not be viewed as a tragedy in Moscow, particularly since the Soviet military is beginning to express dissatisfaction with the pact.

In Connecticut, former chief of air force intelligence George Keegan said on Tuesday the new treaty with the Soviet Union must not be ratified, calling its basis the "greatest blunder in American political history." (AP, UPI)

CRIME. — Violent crimes such as murder and rape rose by 18 per cent in the U.S. in the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported on Tuesday.

Kampuchean refugees flee Vietnamese guns

ARANYAPRATHET. — Thousands of Kampuchean (Cambodian) crossed into Thailand yesterday just south of this eastern Thai frontier town following an artillery barrage on a stronghold of guerrillas loyal to ousted Kampuchean premier Pol Pot.

Senior Thai military sources estimated between 5,000 and 10,000 people had crossed, most of them civilians, in the first mass influx of refugees from Kampuchea for nearly five months.

Some of the refugees said there were about 30,000 people in the stronghold at Phnom Malai on the Thai border, and they believed that most had crossed, leaving behind only guerrillas and the sick.

The influx was touched off by 30 minutes of fierce fighting yesterday when Vietnamese-led forces of the pro-Soviet administration in Phnom Penh fired artillery, mortars and small arms fire at the stronghold.

Phnom Malai is just across the border from the Thai village of Tap Phrik, about 270 km. east of Bangkok.

Refugees said that, following the attack, they were ordered to cross into Thailand by the guerrillas loyal to the government that was ousted from Phnom Penh last January.

The guerrillas and other sources have been predicting the Vietnamese-led side will launch a

major offensive to try to crush resistance once the dry season begins in a few weeks.

A western diplomatic source said the fighting "could be a forerunner of things to come. It's fairly ominous for the civilians huddled in pockets along the border."

A reporter on the scene said a dirt road leading from Kampuchea was choked with refugees, looking weak, exhausted and hungry. Some had died from their illnesses and exhaustion by the side of the road.

In Geneva, Thai ambassador Winayu Angkanarak made a desperate appeal for world aid yesterday, saying it had been flooded by 150,000 "starving and disease-stricken" refugees from Kampuchea, so far, with at least 380,000 more expected in coming months.

Angkanarak called on the world community to put pressure on Vietnam to end its military invasion of Kampuchea which, "if permitted to continue will surely doom the people to extinction."

He told the executive committee of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees that Thailand had already "overreached the limit of its capacity and endurance" in giving refuge to fleeing Kampuchean.

Vietnamese troops in Kampuchea, he said, are "taking away" the meagre international aid entering that country. (Reuters, UPI)

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Carter said unlikely to get Nobel prize

OSLO (UPI). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter is among the 58 candidates for the Nobel Peace Prize which will be announced by Nobel committee chairman John Sannes on October 17.

Carter has been nominated for his role in the Middle East peace efforts, but is not likely to get the prize and the \$200,000 that go with it, newspapers said yesterday.

President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menachem Begin shared last year's prize and there is no reason to believe the Nobel committee will agree on another Camp David prize this year, the daily "Daagbladet" said.

Neither Sannes nor Nobel Institute director Jacob Sverdrup were willing to comment on speculations that the 1979 prize would be given posthumously to Steve Biko, the non-violent South African human rights activist who was killed by police on September 12, 1976.

Libya raps France for African meddling

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Libya yesterday accused France of resorting to murder and the use of mercenaries to undermine the national governments in Africa.

In an address to the General Assembly, Libyan Foreign Affairs Secretary Ali Abdul-Salam Treiki, said such policy could be regarded as a new phase of colonialism and might lead to the downfall of the UN.

The French government's "invasion last month of central Africa" and the dispatch of regular troops from French bases in the continent was a matter of grave concern and extreme seriousness that threatened peace and security in Africa, he said. Treiki was referring to French involvement in the overthrow of Emperor Jean Bokassa.

Poisoned tamales kill Managua policemen

MANAGUA (UPI). — A man and a woman took their fight against the Sandinista government into a police station here on Sunday, distributing poisoned hot tamales that killed two policemen and made dozens others seriously ill. Officials described it as "a criminal act without precedent."

A government spokesman on Tuesday said the man and woman popped up at the Managua police headquarters and distributed free some 600 tamales.

"Hours later policemen developed stomach trouble and dozens of them had to be rushed to a hospital," he said. "There doctors determined that the tamales were poisoned."

Agerians accused of role in Sahara battle

RABAT (Reuters). — The pro-government Moroccan press yesterday accused Algeria of direct military involvement in last weekend's attack on the Moroccan garrison in the Western Sahara town of Smara.

The pro-government Moroccan daily "Al-Maghrib" said yesterday the raid was "quite obviously an attack by the regular Algerian army against national Moroccan territory."

Thatcher will cut public spending

BLACKPOOL, England (UPI). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ruling Conservative Party has announced a series of "housekeeping" measures aimed at cutting public spending but pledged to step up the defence outlay to meet the Soviet arms build-up in Europe.

The projects, a sharp swing from Labour programmes, were outlined on Tuesday to several thousand Conservative rank-and-file members in their first annual conference since routing the Labour government in last May's general election.

With the exception of defence, government ministers pledged cut-backs and reforms over a wide range of public services, including the health service, public transport, education — to free an subsidising unwanted farm surpluses in the European Economic Community.

Taiwan ready to end Communist tyranny

TAIPEI (UPI). — President Chiang Ching-kuo yesterday marked the start of Taiwan's fourth decade in exile by saying the Nationalist Chinese leaders and people are prepared to reunite China by wiping out the Communist tyranny on the mainland. Chiang, in a national message, did not mention the U.S. switch of official recognition to Peking.

Not only slim ones slip through the bars

PESCARA, Italy (Reuters). — Police have finally caught up with a 35-year-old Italian woman who evaded arrest for burglary and prison for seven years by having seven babies in a row.

Under Italian law a woman who is pregnant or who has a child less than six months old cannot go to jail.

But Vincenza de Rossa luck ran out on Tuesday when police made a routine call and she had no medical certificate to prove that she was still immune from arrest.

'Bokassa sent diamonds to Giscard'

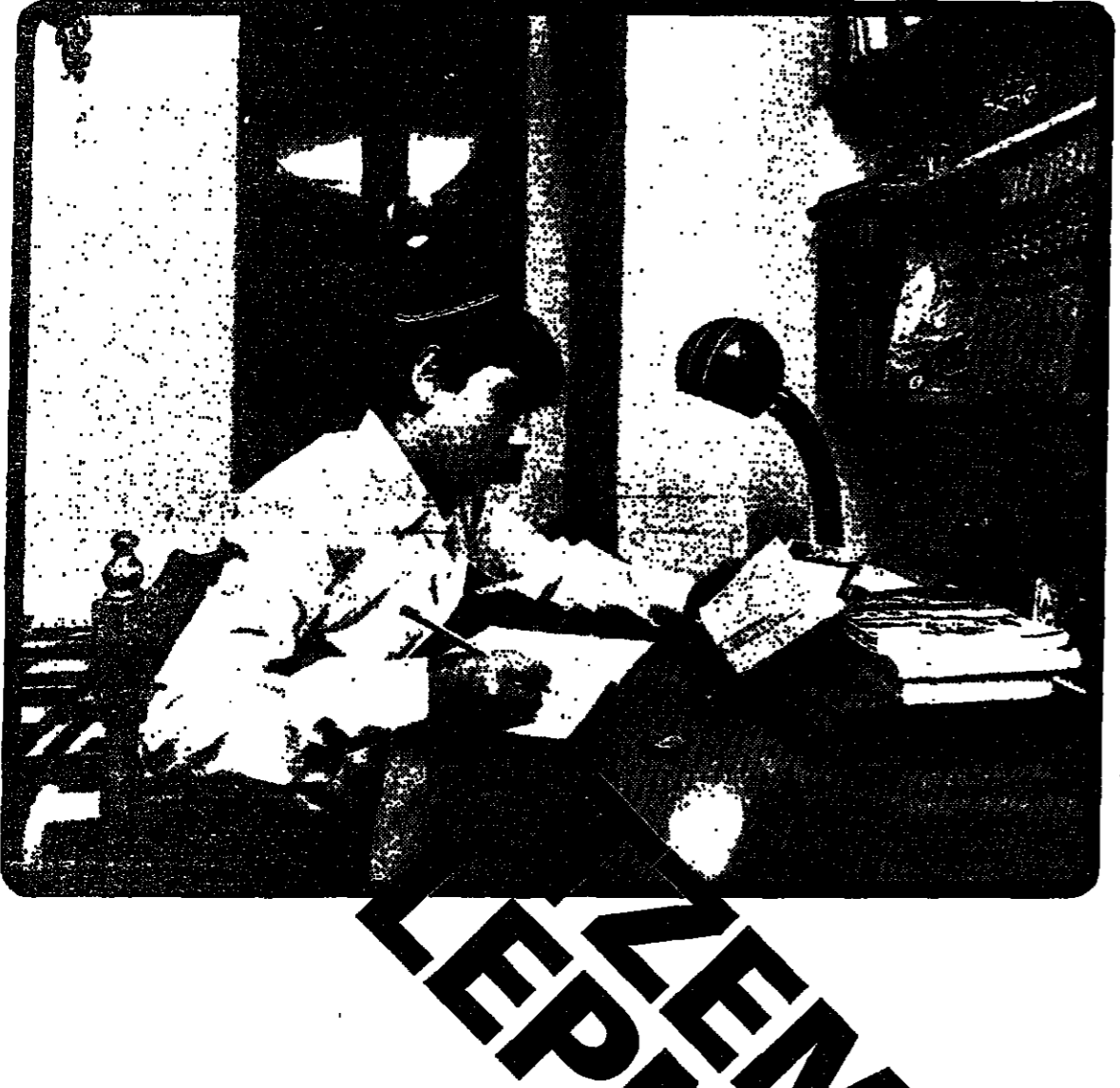
PARIS (UPI). — The satirical weekly "Le Canard Enchaîné" asserted yesterday that French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and members of the Giscard family received diamonds as gifts from fallen Central African emperor Bokassa.

The newspaper published what it said was the facsimile of a 1973 note from Bokassa to the National Diamond Office ordering it to deliver

about 30 carats of diamonds to Giscard, who was then finance minister.

The weekly asserted that similar gifts were given Giscard during each of his sabbats to the African country.

"Le Canard Enchaîné" claimed that according to a diamond expert in Antwerp, 30 carats of diamonds are valued at one million francs (IL6.9m.).



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Peking students want army to leave their university

PEKING. — Shouting "Give us back our school," more than 2,000 People's University students and teachers staged a sit-in yesterday at the gates of the Communist Party and government offices, demanding that the army move out of their campus.

The People's University, smaller than the better-known Peking University, was founded in 1950 as a centre for studies in the social sciences. It closed in 1968 during the disorders of China's Cultural Revolution and a People's Liberation Army artillery unit moved onto the empty campus.

The university reopened in 1976, and last year the government ordered the soldiers to move. But students say the troops have no place to go and still occupy more than 80 per cent of the campus.

After marching around Tiananmen Square, the students gathered outside the main gate of Zhongnanhai, the central compound which houses China's State Council, and announced they were going on

strike until their demands were met. Student representatives presented a letter to a representative of the council, but were told the matter could not be solved immediately.

The student leaders then told the protesters that they had already gained a victory, but their suggestion that the demonstration end was met with a chorus of "It won't do" and "We'll wait."

After four hours waiting in the hot afternoon sun, however, the protesters became hungry and tired, and at 6 p.m. they decided to call off the demonstration and go home.

The university students are the latest group to march and protest in Peking in recent weeks. Students who couldn't get into college, artists who couldn't display their exhibits in public, petitioners from the provinces, unemployed youth and dissidents critical of the party have all protested along the main thoroughfare, the city hall, Tiananmen Square, "Democracy Wall" and the central government offices. (AP, Reuters)

Financial report for The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Canada. Includes synopsis of consolidated accounts of the head office abroad and details of insurance business and profits for the years 1977 and 1978.

Entertainment section listing television programs, children's programmes, and Hebrew programmes. Includes details for Jordan TV, educational shows, and various music and drama offerings.

Radio and television listings for Jerusalem, including station names, frequencies, and program titles. Also includes a 'Voice of Peace' section with news broadcast times.

Cinema listings for Jerusalem, detailing showtimes and titles for various theaters such as the Magic of Lublin, the Frisco Kid, and others.

AFTER TWO DECADES of retreat from parliamentary democracy, Africa is experiencing a new surge of political freedom.

The return of Nigeria's soldiers to their barracks on October 1, after 13 years of military rule, fulfilled their promise to restore a full-blooded multi-party system to the continent's most populous country and one of the richest.

Just one week earlier, the army in neighbouring Ghana similarly surrendered power to an elected parliament.

The return of parliamentary democracy to these two important West African republics means that a dozen of the continent's 50 independent states are now governed by elected parliaments.

Apart from Nigeria and Ghana, the other states are Morocco, Senegal, Egypt, the Gambia, Upper Volta, Botswana, Djibouti, Mauritius, Liberia and Tunisia.

Although opposition parties enjoy the legal right of existence in all these countries, their freedom is perhaps less certain in Tunisia and Morocco than in the others.

South Africa does not qualify as a parliamentary democracy because, although it is an elected parliament, it denies votes to blacks. In addition to the 12 parliamentary democracies in Africa, a further nine countries elect their parliaments but restrict candidates to members of the ruling party.

Nevertheless, the value of elections in single-party states like Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania, the Ivory Coast, and Algeria is that they do permit the democratic selection of candidates from among party members, and offer a choice of candidates to the electorate.

The element of genuine democracy in some of the single-party states is shown by the

wholesale defeat of office-holders, often ministers.

NO LESS important than the establishment of democratic parliaments in countries previously under military rule has been the overthrow, in quick succession, of the three nastiest dictators in Africa — Idi Amin in Uganda, Macias Nguema in Equatorial Guinea, and Emperor Bokassa I of the short-lived Central African Empire.

There are now only five military regimes left in Africa. Twenty-two countries are ruled by single parties, and nine are self-professing Marxist states.

What seems evident is that the pendulum has begun to swing away from the tendency towards military regimes and tightly organized single-party states which typified the continent in the first 20 years of post-colonial independence.

The frustration of democratic practices was perhaps inevitable as the new nations struggled to overcome the economic, tribal and regional conflicts which are the common experience of Africa freedom.

Military rule has proved, without exception, to be a failure. Even in those countries where the soldiers have not formally withdrawn to their barracks — as in Algeria, Rwanda, Burundi and Zaïre — the military element has been very largely diluted by the introduction of civil servants and technocrats into government.

The question is how far the pendulum will continue to swing towards genuine forms of parliamentary democracy. A great deal will depend upon the success or failure of the new civilian governments in Nigeria and Ghana.

GHANA is now embarking on its third attempt at parliamentary

# DEMOCRACY MAKES A COMEBACK

By COLIN LEGUM / London



Three toppled tyrants, from left: Idi Amin, Macias Nguema, Jean Bedel Bokassa.

democracy since the dynamic country achieved its dramatic independence under Dr. Kwame Nkrumah in 1946.

The new president of Ghana, Dr. Hilla Limann, is an admirer of the late Nkrumah. A number of Nkrumah's former associates (including his son, Dr. Francis Nkrumah) are ministers in the new government.

Although Ghana's new ruling party professes itself to be Nkrumahist in outlook, there are signs that Limann's government has profited from Nkrumah's mistakes.

Not only does Limann face strong opposition in his new parliament, but he is not altogether free from possible pressures from the army.

Its revolutionary committee, under Flight-Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, has promised to keep a careful eye on the new regime to ensure that it does not relapse into the corruption and nepotism that have blighted Ghana's political life throughout all its successive regimes in the past 20 years.

The execution of eight senior military officers for corruption by Rawlings's revolutionary committee

will undoubtedly prove to be salutary — at least for a time — to the new rulers.

IN NIGERIA, though, the new government of President Shehu Shagari has nothing to fear from its army, which shows every sign of disengaging itself from politics and concentrating on slimming itself down from 300,000 men to 200,000.

The wounds inflicted on Nigeria by the bitter civil war of the mid-1960s, caused by the Ibo's ill-fated attempt to establish their breakaway Biafra Republic, seems to have been cured.

Shagari, a northerner, has as his vice-president a distinguished Ibo. But what remains to be tested is whether Nigerians have really overcome the divisive regional loyalties which marred the life of the first post-civilian government.

While, of course, the new ruling party won a majority of votes, the two main opposition parties are still strongly identified with regional interests.

The stronger of the opposition parties is led by Chief Obafemi Awolowo, a moderate socialist, whose political fortunes have been closely tied in the past to a section of the Yorubas.

The other major opposition leader is the veteran nationalist, Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe. Although "Zik" is an Ibo, he was a prominent opponent of the attempt to set up the secessionist Biafra Republic.

Shagari's government seems likely to follow in the tradition of the first post-independence government led by the late Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa — except that it is likely to be less strongly orientated towards the West and appears much more radical in its commitment of the liberation movements in Southern Africa.

The new government has the great advantage of taking office at a time when the economy is at a new peak because of the country's oil wealth.

IF DEMOCRACY can now succeed in Nigeria and Ghana it could be infectious by demonstrating that — contrary to earlier ideas — parliamentary democracy can be made to work in Africa.

Botswana, one of the model democratic countries in the continent, is about to hold its third general election since independence. President Sir Seretse Khama is engaged in a tough campaign

against two opposition parties, but there seems little doubt that this committed democrat will again emerge as the victor from the polls on October 18.

Another notable African democrat, the near-octogenarian Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, prime minister of Mauritius, appears to be weathering the worst crisis since the independence in 1968 of his small sugar island in the Indian Ocean.

Maintaining democracy in a country like Mauritius is one of the most difficult tests of statesmanship anywhere in the world. Its politics are complicated by divisions within its racial communities — Hindu and Moslem, Indians, Creoles, French and Chinese. To complicate affairs even further, the island has a strong left-wing force, the Mauritius Militant Movement, which emerged as the largest single party in the elections three years ago.

For almost three years, Ramgoolam has succeeded in maintaining the fragile unity of his coalition government, which had a minority of only one over the MMM. Recently, though, Ramgoolam's Labour Party split, making it even harder to stave off the challenge of the MMM. Now, the MMM has resorted to damaging industrial action, some of it politically motivated.

These strikes have dealt crippling blows to the economy, which is wholly dependent on sugar exports.

Despite these setbacks, the remarkable Ramgoolam has survived under conditions which have tested the capacity of democratic government to its limit. At a time when democracy enjoys such a bad press in the West — let alone in the Communist bloc — it is refreshing to be able to report that in one part of the world it is showing welcome signs of new vigour. (Observer Foreign News Service)

THERE WERE once six brothers in the Santucho family of Argentina. Today, only two are left alive.

Mario Santucho, a revolutionary, died in a bloody shoot-out with the Argentine security forces on July 18, 1976 and became a folk hero — "the Che Guevara of Argentina."

Oscar Santucho was killed in a similar armed clash with authority the previous year.

Francisco Santucho, a writer, disappeared in 1976 and is reported to have died under torture in an Argentine prison.

Julio Santucho, a teacher, now lives in exile in Italy with his two children after his wife disappeared in 1976.

Amilcar Santucho, aged 58, a lawyer, was freed just over a week ago after four years' imprisonment without trial in Paraguay, during which he was beaten up, tortured and force-fed with drugs to lessen his

resistance. He is now in exile in Sweden.

Amilcar Santucho's wife Mabel, 49, is exiled in Cuba with their son Jorge. His daughter Mercedes, 24, if she is still alive, disappeared two years ago. Another daughter, Gabriela, 22, is still held by the authorities in Argentina.

AMILCAR SANTUCHO is a grey-faced man who answers questions in a monotone and hides behind huge dark glasses.

When he was presented to the international press in the dowdy second-floor headquarters of Amnesty International in Stockholm, the French journalist sitting next to me complained that he couldn't see much of a story in it.

Santucho had been produced by Amnesty to underline its testimony to the Supreme Court in Paraguay that three members of the Central

# The Santucho saga

By CHRIS MORGENSSON / Stockholm

Committee of the Paraguayan Communist Party died under torture in police custody after their arrest in November 1975.

HE JUST sat there, looking tired and defeated and described how men were dragged past his cell in the Departamento de Investigaciones in the Paraguayan capital, Asuncion, and how he heard them being tortured and how they later died.

Angel Soler, secretary-general of the Paraguayan Communist Party, was beaten for several hours with whips and iron bars. Then his hands

and arms were chopped off bit by bit until he died from loss of blood.

Derlis Villagra, 30, a member of the central committee, was gagged and bound, and clubbed to death with rubber truncheons and iron bars.

Ruben Acosta, also a member of the central committee, was beaten with rubber truncheons until his entire body was covered with bruises. Then, immersed in a tub filled with filthy water and excrement, he was suspended by his feet from the ceiling and beaten until he died.

Amnesty's testimony names several police agents, including the director of investigations, Pastor Coronel, as allegedly responsible for the deaths.

The bodies of the three men are believed to be buried in the basement of Asuncion's security police headquarters. Amnesty's testimony has been sent to the Human-Rights Commission of the Organisation of American States and to the United Nations.

SANTUCHO said he knew of hundreds of other cases of people being

imprisoned without trial and tortured in South America. (There was nothing new in that, said the French journalist in a whispered aside.)

Santucho described quietly how he had been tortured for 15 days and then force-fed with drugs so that he fell asleep. His interrogators would then wake him, all the time asking questions about the ERP.

The revolutionary party of which his brother Mario was a leading member.

During his four years of imprisonment, he was questioned by the Paraguayan police, the Argentinean police, the Argentinean army and the Chilean security forces. He cited names of prisoners and people who had disappeared in South America — Benjamin and Adolfo Ramirez, Amilcar Oviedo, Carlos Manguello, Mario Schere, Severo Acosta and Virgilio Bareiro.

And a Senator Arsamendia, aged 65, distributor of a religious newspaper: "One night in Asuncion he was badly beaten, taken back to his cell, then dragged back for further interrogation, crying and screaming. Afterwards he was left outside in the back yard in the rain and cold. The next morning he was dead."

No, he did not know Senator Arsamendia's first name. The French journalist shrugged despairingly and crossed out his note.

The list continued: Domingo Laino, ex-member of parliament in Paraguay, Alfonso Silva and his wife, imprisoned for 10 years.

Captain Ortigosa. No, he didn't know his first name either.

Why were Paraguayan methods of torture so primitive? someone asked. "It is a dictatorship from the last century," said Santucho wearily. The French journalist wrote down the quote and got up to leave. (Observer Foreign News Service)

AFTER BREAKING a heroin ring supplying American soldiers at a high-security missile base in West Germany, the U.S. Army is likely to investigate the combat-readiness of its troops around the world.

The Pentagon would like other NATO countries to do likewise. NATO faces numerically superior Warsaw Pact armies behind the Iron Curtain, and its defence plans are based on the assumption of higher morale, combat-readiness and technological potency among Western troops.

That theory has come under scrutiny in recent years, especially in view of the evidence of a high level of drug abuse among North American troops and the growth of drug addiction in the West generally.

The latest survey by a joint German-American drug squad in the region of the Daxheim Barracks, was part of an intensifying anti-narcotics campaign involving the arrest of more than 200 U.S. soldiers in Germany alone. It followed discreet diplomatic signals to the White House from the countries where American troops are based.

In the view of Representative Lester Wolff, chairman of the House

# Drug chink in armour

By THOMAS LAND / London

Select Committee on Narcotics, the size of the problem in Western Europe is comparable to that involving American troops in Vietnam.

Initial inquiries suggest that 5 per cent of American troops in Europe are involved in multiple drug abuse, 9 per cent are hard drug addicts and 40 per cent take marijuana regularly.

A survey of U.S. forces in America found that "drug abuse remains a serious personnel problem, particularly among 18 to 25-year-olds, and it merits continued emphasis." It found that 31 per cent of enlisted men and women use marijuana and 7 per cent heroin.

A SPOKESMAN confirmed that "the army views its drug abuse problem as serious but not of epidemic proportions. The abuse does have some degree of adverse impact on combat-readiness but it is difficult, if not impossible, to establish a definite causal relationship that can be quantified."

The survey has been dismissed in Congress as a public relations exercise intended to underplay the size of the problem. Glenn English, a member of Wolff's committee, questioned whether voluntary information by soldiers, jeopardizing their own careers by admitting to an unlawful act, can be accepted as reliable. He also criticized the survey for allowing addicts to determine, for statistical purposes, whether their own use of drugs could be considered as frequent or as occasional.

Wolff and English believe that the equivalent of perhaps two divisions of American troops in Europe alone are permanently incapacitated by hard-drug addiction. They recently consulted President Carter and said afterwards that the White House was about to take action. (Observer Foreign News Service)

# SHOWDOWN IN LIBERAL PARTY

(Continued from page 1)

arena. His press conference at Ben-Curion Airport was received with stunned disbelief by party colleagues. One MK told The Jerusalem Post that he nearly crashed his car when he heard Ehrlich's humorous quips over his car radio.

The MK said: "The man is deliberately avoiding reality. We attempted to spare him at the last party Central Committee meeting by drafting a resolution that did not mention him by name and did not demand his outright ouster. We strove to make it possible for him to back out gracefully and save face. Ehrlich is now forcing us to call a spade a spade, although we would have liked to spare him personally."

The same sentiment was related by others of Ehrlich's Liberal opponents. They said that the finance minister's attempts to distinguish between the Central Committee decision and interpretations of it "constitute intellectual acrobatics." They said that Prime Minister Menahem Begin is indeed loath to tamper with the delicate balance of his cabinet for fear that it will bring "the whole house of cards toppling down." But they attributed the very analogy between the government and a house of cards to Ehrlich, who for months now, they say, has been attempting to persuade the prime minister that the government will collapse without him.

Ehrlich himself is scheduled to meet some of his party opponents and possible supporters today, among them his former deputy Flomin. He also will meet Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor David Shifman, a close ally of Moda'i, who has been a constant thorn in his side.

Ehrlich also will meet with Zvi Renner of the Liberal Workers Organization, which has been a traditional source of support. But at the last Central Committee session, this group too joined the ad hoc anti-Ehrlich coalition, casting its votes for the reshuffle resolution. Ehrlich will probably attempt to gauge the group's mood and try to bring it back in line.

There are rumours within the Liberal Party of a repentant pro-Ehrlich swing by some who betrayed him by voting for the reshuffle. Fundis say this could refer to sections of the workers organization. But Ehrlich's opponents say that there have been no significant defections from the anti-Ehrlich front. They expressed confidence yesterday in their ability to proceed with moves to replace the finance minister.

The next round will be a meeting of the Liberal Executive, which will have to draft a proposal based on the Central Committee resolution. It will then be presented to the next Central Committee session, supposed to take place prior to the reconvening of the Knesset.

Ehrlich's opponents will now try to

make their moves against him more explicit. They will also try to make it clear to Begin that the government's stability need not be endangered if Ehrlich goes. Their message will be that the Liberals will not mount the barricades if the prime minister makes it possible for Ehrlich to resign.

The finance minister says that the only way he can be unseated at this point is through a no-confidence vote in the Liberal Central Committee, and expresses optimism about his chances to come out on top in such an eventuality. He is sure many will not dare express lack of confidence in him to his face, and will also argue that he is being turned into a scapegoat for the other ministers.

All of Ehrlich's opponents outside the Moda'i camp agree that Moda'i's open bid for the job harmed their anti-Ehrlich campaign. They explain that with the impression created of a battle between two would-be successors — Moda'i and Yigal Hurvitz of Rafi — Ehrlich almost naturally emerged as the prime minister's compromise choice.

The feeling in the party is that Ehrlich might still be willing to back out, but only on condition that he will not be the only one to go. He might try to take at least all the other Liberal ministers along, but the problem is that his three cabinet colleagues have no intention of vacating their posts.



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Eilat port pulling out of slump caused by Canal trade

By YITZHAK OKED Jerusalem Post Reporter
EILAT. — The port of Eilat has been enjoying a boom during the last few months. Between April and August the cargo flow increased by 12 per cent, Yitzhak Rahav, the managing director of the Ports Authority, told a press tour here yesterday.

management hopes to whittle down the present work force of 440 to 400 by next April.
Segal added that if the port continued operating at the present level, plus handling cargoes for the new IDF lines in the Negev, it had a good chance of ending this year in the black. It has been in the red for several years.

Labour trouble at Ashdod may put strain on Haifa port

By YA'ACOV FRIDLER Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Chamber of Shipping and the Shippers Council yesterday sounded the alarm over recurring labour trouble at Ashdod port. The two bodies, representing the ship owners and the users, warned that new trouble at the port could have dire consequences for the winter, when the ports will have to handle thousands of tons of extra cargo for military construction in the Negev.

the morning, causing further work delays.
If freighters are diverted to Haifa, great pressure will be put on that port, which is already working at capacity to cope with the start of the citrus season.
Meanwhile the Association of Shipping Companies has signed a new labour contract with the Ratings Union, which spells out codes of behaviour, the men's duties and privileges, and ways of settling disputes without strikes.

Ominous harbinger of further rate boosts U.S. interest rates reach 14.5%

WASHINGTON. — Two major New York banks raised their prime interest rate by a full point to a record-breaking 14.5 per cent Tuesday, as President Carter pledged to do "whatever it takes" to control inflation.
The sharp increase in the prime rate — the interest charged to the bank's most credit-worthy customers and a harbinger of other interest rate boosts — was first announced by Chase Manhattan Bank and was followed by Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. Other banks were expected to follow suit.

one of the worst Wall Street declines in recent years.
Economists fear that the record-high price of money and the tighter credit decreed by the Federal Reserve will curtail borrowing and investment, cut back home building and persuade consumers, too, to reduce their spending.
Carter held out hope of a lower inflation rate once Congress completes action on an Energy Bill that the President said would cut down on imports of increasingly expensive oil.

the rapidly increasing price of gold, except for those who have sold early or bought late," Carter said. "As far as the average citizen is concerned, the price of gold has no impact..."
In the aftermath of the Federal Reserve actions to clamp down on credit, Comptroller of the Currency John G. Heimann said it increased the risk that many banks might have made more loans than they should have.

Tempting tennis tour to Israel

By BARUCH SAVILLE Jerusalem Post Travel Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A new type of tour package to Israel, centred around tennis, has been launched jointly by the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel, Hertz Rent-a-Car and the Israel Tennis Centre in Ramat Hasharon.

pool.
The new tour package was given a hearty start at the Hilton when many of the 50 international contestants of the \$50,000 tennis "clinic" appeared at the welcome reception. For the occasion the ballroom was equipped with a full-size tennis net and a huge "tennis ball" which, when opened up, revealed a 10 kg cake.

Egyptians have to pay their customs in dollars from now on

CAIRO (UPI). — A government decision to levy custom duties on imports in U.S. dollars has caused confusion in the Egyptian domestic market and aroused fears of an inevitable rise of commodity prices.
The government enforced the decision as of September 1, with the aim of curbing the inflow of what it calls "luxury goods," including automobiles, refrigerators and television sets.

they have to buy dollars at inflated black market prices in order to pay customs.
The government concedes this may be true as far as "luxuries" are concerned. But officials point out that the imported commodities as well as building materials needed to solve Egypt's acute housing crisis — are exempt from customs.
One immediate effect of the decision was a sharp rise in the dollar's black market price.

Fischer Pharmaceuticals declares war on head lice

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — It takes only 12 hours to rid a child of a head full of lice and nits (lice eggs), according to Dr. Eli Fischer, director-general of Fischer Pharmaceuticals. The company's Bnei Brak plant makes two preparations widely used here. They are called Bicide and Monocide and can be purchased without a doctor's prescription.
The effectiveness of both has been tested in England, where it was found that "40 generations of lice did not develop a resistant strain to these two preparations." A licence to manufacture them has been granted to large drug firms in the U.S., Portugal and South Africa.

head should be thoroughly shampooed in the evening with Bicide, leaving the foam on the head for five minutes. Then the hair should be thoroughly rinsed and dried. Bicide kills the adult lice.
Then the Monocide should be applied and left overnight. It kills the nits.
In the morning the head should again be shampooed with Bicide.
About a week later the child's hair should be checked to see if the lice have reappeared," he said. "It would be best for everybody in the same family to undergo the treatment the same time as the child does," he said.
He said that head lice were not dangerous, but that body lice were known to transmit typhus.

Electric car research pays off

PASADENA (AP). — A sleek, gray car built around 15 batteries and a microcomputer was presented Tuesday as proof that electric cars can meet consumer demand for stylish, efficient and economic transportation.
The experimental car, designed and built with \$7m. in U.S. government funds, "demonstrates that a well-engineered electric car can meet the majority of our driving needs and virtually all the needs of a second car — and do so economically," said Conrad Weinlein of Globe-Union Inc.
Government and industry officials told a news conference here that the electric car, with a top speed of more than 104 km. per hour, has a range of 192 km. when driven at a steady 56 kph.

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Revlon bonus coupon campaign TEL AVIV. — Revlon together with the Hamashbir Litzarchan chain of stores has started a month-long sales campaign, offering customers "more for their money."

SEHEMEN Industries has reported six-month results for 1979. The Company had a IL5.1m. profit, compared with only IL2.6m. for the comparable period a year ago.

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No need to import hothouses

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Solel Boneh has lodged a strong protest with the Jewish Agency upon learning that it is planning to import hothouses from the U.S.

hothouses in the Yamit and Rafiah area. He pointed out that Solel Boneh acquired its know-how from a firm in Holland, and that today Solel Boneh was building these hothouses at a cost of 30 per cent less than those imported from Holland.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Table with columns for FLIGHTS, DEPARTURES, ARRIVALS, and THURSDAY. Lists flight numbers, destinations, and times for various airlines.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

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Sunset 17:15; Sunrise tomorrow 05:41.

Share index shows small gain as bonds higher

TEL AVIV — While the equities market was still under a cloud of gloom yesterday, the general share index managed to come through with a gain of 0.19 per cent. The advance came as a result of upward movement in commercial bank shares, financial and insurance issues and in industrials.

Stocks & bonds—the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter
strikebound Bank Leumi securities. Large daily offers for sale of Leumi securities are being absorbed without any change in price.

tunate and continued to lose ground. Carmel (B) was "sellers only" and was set back by five per cent. Tetahot pref. (B) was down by 6.1 per cent.
Insurance issues, on balance, managed to show a small rise. Sahar (R) gained five points while the options rose by seven, to an even 80. The Yardenia shares, however, slipped by more than five per cent and Zur was down by 1.2 per cent.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with multiple columns listing stock symbols, closing prices, volume, and changes. Includes sections for Housing Mfg., Prop. & Bldg., and Most active shares.

Representative New York Stock Exchange bond prices

Table listing bond prices for various issues like 6.5% Defense loan, 70 (Ayin), etc. Includes closing prices and changes.

Bank of Israel representative foreign exchange rates—October 10

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies including U.S. dollar, German mark, French franc, etc.

FUND RATES

Table listing fund rates with columns for Fund, Trustee, Date, Unit Price, and Redemption Price.

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Advertisement for Rama Gidron Hotel in Jerusalem, featuring illustrations of people and the hotel name in large letters.

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Strikes running wild

IT IS DIFFICULT to sort out the rights and wrongs of a dispute so involved as the one which has kept Israel's biggest bank closed for a week now.

Obviously the present insensate rate of price inflation, which erodes purchasing-power, has a lot to do with the intransigent stand taken by the workers — who want their wage demands settled before anything else, regardless of management's desire to negotiate other matters at the same time in a single package-deal.

The cost-of-living allowance offers only partial compensation for lagging salaries. It does not cover all the price increase, nor does it apply to earnings above IL22,000 a month (and a good many bank officials get more than that).

Meanwhile the Israel Discount Bank is offering its personnel a wage rise of 22 per cent. The staff committees have not given their answer so far, and cannot until the showpiece confrontation at Bank Leumi reaches its conclusion.

Given that the Government's declared purpose is to freeze real wages, that is, to prevent any rise — or fall — in the value of the worker's take-home pay, the Discount Bank's proposed 22 per cent increase would appear a reasonable formula on which to base a solution to the deadlock in Bank Leumi as well.

As to Bank Leumi's bid to restore its exclusive authority over appointments, transfers and promotions (which are at present subject to agreement by the workers), it is not very likely to be granted. But the matter of management rights is surely as fit for negotiation at this time as employees' wages.

There are plenty of ways in which this intractable clash of wills can be terminated. It is only a pity that an answer could not have been found without the need to paralyse a huge part of the country's financial business. The use of the strike weapon was originally intended to be a measure of the last resort. Today it has become part of the routine of wage-bargaining.

Other disputes are pending, with the teachers, the postal workers, the dock workers and who knows what other sectors of the public service. Must there be a destructive shutdown each time — before the eventual compromise is reached?

NRP in search of spoils

THE DESIRE of the National Religious Party to have a say in appointments to the Foreign Service — to ensure (they explain) a fair share of the jobs for observant Jews — is a grave breach of the rules of good administration.

It would be another thing if the Foreign Ministry's Appointments Committee had shown bias against candidates on religious grounds. The NRP would then be justified in protesting. Indeed there would be a case for demanding a committee of enquiry to examine what had gone wrong with the selection process.

In fact the record shows that religious belief has not prevented persons of ability from reaching top positions.

They are in these positions not because they do or do not wear a kippa, but because they are in each case the best person for the job. Appointments must be made on merit, there should be no other criterion. The introduction of sectoral interests into the process of nomination or promotion could wreck the public service.

It is not as if the subject was a new one in Israel. The "spoils" system once existed in education, in Government departments, in the employment service. It has been gradually, though not completely eliminated, because it proved to be backward, demoralising and inefficient.

The principle of objective selection is important, given that the first claim to top senior posts should rest with career members of the Foreign Ministry. If an outsider is appointed to an Embassy (and 15 head-of-mission posts are traditionally reserved for outsiders) it must be absolutely clear that he is the better man.

That principle has not always been observed. It should be the job of the NRP and all other parties represented in the Knesset to make sure that it is. There is no other way of avoiding discrimination, not just on the grounds of religion, but also on the grounds of party, community, sex, profession, personal favouritism and other irrelevant considerations.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE NUMBER of doctors in Britain being sued by patients dissatisfied after hair transplant operations is reaching epidemic proportions.

The Union, which gives legal advice to doctors and represents them when sued by patients, said that cosmetic plastic surgery including hair transplants, was a "medico-legal minefield."

The Union has received requests for assistance from a number of members being sued for allegedly negligent hair transplants. If not yet of epidemic proportions, such claims certainly constitute a rash.

Well, not every doctor can cure baldness, but surely any good doctor can treat a rash.

DISAPPEARING INK, long a favourite of magicians, is now being recommended to hospitals for writing on Shabbat.

The Institute for Science and Halacha in Jerusalem, which devotes its time to finding solutions for work that must be performed on the Sabbath, makes this suggestion in its most recent newsletter.

Registering blood pressure, temperature, diagnoses and instructions to nurses is not necessarily a life-and-death matter. But it can often be very important for the patient.

According to the Torah, writing that is likely to "last for many days" is considered forbidden on Shabbat. But if it is evanescent, it is forbidden only by the Sages, who worried that one might confuse the disappearing ink with permanent ink.

Since the patient's health is involved, most rabbinical opinions allow the use of disappearing ink anyway. After Shabbat, and before the ink disappears, a photocopy of the records can be made.

A NEW IMMIGRANT we know was puzzled the other day when the clerk at the office of his absorption centre informed him, in broken English:

"Sir, I must to tell you that at 1:30 you are gardener. Our immigrant friend had visions of being issued a rake and hoe and being impressed into some sort of forced pioneering brigade. But he was issued a carbine instead. For Civil Gardener duty, of course. D.D."

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Survival test for new immigrants

As the Absorption Ministry fights for its life in the face of possible dissolution, new immigrants must fight to retain their sanity in dealing with the ministry's officials, writes ALAN ELSNER.

MOST NEW immigrants' introduction to Israel bureaucracy comes with their first visit to the Absorption Ministry. And for most, the encounter is a traumatic experience.

With time, of course, one learns to cope with the petty officialdom and red tape which is designed, it seems, not so much to help immigrants in the absorption process but to drive them back to their countries of origin. One even begins to joke about it.

But last week, visiting the ministry for the first time in several months and seeing the same depressing scenes of absorption being thwarted by small-minded, uncooperative and inefficient officials, it struck me that by making a joke of the situation, we are doing a disservice to those unfortunate who will have to follow in our footsteps and fight the bureaucratic monster.

For example, when I visited the Absorption Ministry offices last week, I overheard a conversation between an official and a newcomer from Russia. It appeared that the Russian had been at the Beerseba absorption centre for some months and having completed his ulpan, had found a job and a flat in Jerusalem. He wanted to apply for a rent subsidy.

He told me that on a previous visit to the ministry two weeks before, he had been told that in order to receive the subsidy, his file had to be transferred from Beerseba to Jerusalem. It was impossible for the Jerusalem office to phone Beerseba with the request; the new immigrant would have to make the trip south and personally apply for the transfer.

The official unsuccessfully searched for the file and finally asked the immigrant if he had filled out the



New immigrants arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport... tough challenges ahead. (David Rabinger)

correct form in Beerseba. "Form?" the immigrant asked. "Nobody said anything about a form."

The official was not ashamed to tell him that he would have to travel to Beerseba yet again, and that this time he should not forget to fill out the form.

MINISTRY officials have several weapons in their struggle against immigrants, of which forms are only one. Another is language. Many newcomers have a less-than-perfect command of Hebrew, but most officials in the ministry have no command at all of Russian, Spanish or any of the other languages that immigrants speak. Instead, the officials have become used to addressing the immigrants slowly in a condescending tone as if they were speaking to children.

Another weapon in the fight against aliyah is information, which is never volunteered in advance. This point is illustrated by another story I heard from a new immigrant who was careless enough to lose his immigrant card and wanted to apply for a new one.

He was told at the ministry that he would have to swear a statement in court to the effect that he had lost his card. Having sworn the statement, which cost him IL80, he returned to the ministry and was blandly informed by the official that there is a special Absorption Ministry form on which such statements must be written. He would have to swear again, this time using the correct form.

"But why didn't you tell me in advance?" asked the victim. "Why didn't you ask?" was the official's unabashed reply.

Yet another weapon is time. A common sight in all absorption ministry offices is crowds of people waiting patiently in line outside empty offices, while the officials they are waiting to see wander aimlessly around the building talking to their colleagues. A variation on this theme is the sight of a line of people waiting outside while the official drinks tea and eats sandwiches. Should

READERS' LETTERS

DEMOGRAPHIC PROSPECTS IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — Paul Eidelberg (September 27) has chosen to attack the proposed amendment to the abortion law primarily on the grounds of the demographic peril which the Jewish State faces from the high birth-rate of its Arab citizens. There are three separate aspects to the problem he raises:

- 1. Why is the Arab growth-rate higher than the Jewish?
2. Why does Israel have so high an abortion rate?
3. What are wise and appropriate demographic objectives for Israel?

The answers to the first two of these are easy, but lend little encouragement to Prof. Eidelberg's point of view.

1. The Arabs of Israel live for the most part in communities organized on the lines of post-medieval agricultural societies and have the birth-rates appropriate to such societies. As they enjoy the advantages of modern health services, their death-rates are those of a modern industrial society. The incongruity between them leads to rapid population growth. The Jews of Israel live for the most part in a modern industrial society and have the vital rates appropriate to this.

The only way to remove entirely the demographic contrast between these two groups is to equalize their socio-economic conditions — a mammoth task which will take generations. The difference can be diminished and controlled, and the process of elevation of the economic conditions of the Arabs assisted, by the provision of proper birth-control services and education to Arab communities. Successive Israeli governments have lacked the courage to do this, fearing accusations of "genocide," but surely the hard lesson has been learnt by now that Israel is attacked whatever it does. We are more vulnerable to the judicious criticism for failing to provide such contraceptive services as the governments of Egypt and Tunisia not merely offer, but thrust upon their populations, than we would be if we provided them.

2. A high rate of abortion is characteristic of advanced countries with inadequate birth-control facilities — mainly Catholic and Communist countries of Europe and Latin America. In Israel, the inadequacy is again a reflection of government inactivity. This is fed partly by the harsh and controversial interpretation of relevant Halacha by our religious leaders, and partly by

muddle-headedness on the part of politicians as to the effect of birth-control programmes on communities which already control their birth-rates as do the Israeli Jews. The Jewish birth-rate will not be materially affected by the provision or denial of facilities for contraception or abortion, any more than will the extent of pre-marital, extramarital, or "illicit" sex. But the combination of efficient services for both contraception and abortion will result in a great reduction in abortion. Abortion is functionally merely an inefficient and aesthetically (and to many morally) offensive form of birth-control. But for many Israelis, it is the only method to which they have unbridled access.

3. Most Israelis automatically assume that the demographic objective appropriate to the country is rapid and for the time being unlimited growth of the Jewish population. Fortunately their reproductive behaviour belies their convictions. A country doomed to continue to live at subsistence level can afford to preclude interference to the economic and social effects of population growth. One which aspires to a high and growing living standard, as Israel does, must be more discriminating. To look at it only from the point of view of defence needs, or the replacement of a lost generation, is like trying to programme a flight to the moon with an abacus. In an age of soaring fuel and raw material costs, increasing competition for contractable markets for manufactured goods, and a general retreat from the philosophy of perpetual growth, a country of 10,000 sq. miles of virtually resourceless territory must plan with precision and care. Were it not that they cannot be effective against the superior instincts of the people, primitive attitudes like Prof. Eidelberg's could plunge the country into irreparable poverty. As it is, yerida will continue to siphon off the growth of Israel's population whenever it tends to outstrip economic reality.

Eidelberg seems to believe we should confront our problems with a wave of unwanted babies forced on unhappy parents and perpetuate unemployment and homosexuality, but I would suggest we leave experiments in regression to the Dark Ages to Iran.

DR. DAVID WOLFERS, formerly Director, Population Bureau, Foreign Office, London Jerusalem.

SABBATH PEACE AND QUIET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir — In the general furor over the proposed stadium at Shuafat, a convenient myth has developed that the non-observant do not care how much noise and traffic occur in their vicinity. Therefore, according to this logic, it is only necessary to find a site with sufficient seating and parking space and approach roads for a satisfactory substitute. Hence the apparently growing support for the University stadium.

This would in all likelihood be an ecological disaster. It may come as a surprise to the Orthodox that there are thousands of Jerusalemites, not formally observant, who value their peace and quiet, particularly on the Sabbath, just as much as the observant. The use of the University stadium will undoubtedly cause traffic congestion and tremendous noise just on the day when one hopes for a respite from these miseries. All neighbourhoods near the stadium, and some of them are much nearer to the University than is Sanhedria Murehvel to Shuafat, will be affected by the traffic streaming towards the University. It will be a further step downwards in the quality of inner city life.

Common sense and concern for the quality of city life dictate that the stadium be placed where it can be approached by ring roads such as one finds in well-planned modern cities, and not within the already built-up inner city which has enough problems already.

AVIVA EVEN-PAZ Jerusalem.

Dry Bones



anybody dare to enter the office, he is told in no uncertain terms to join the queue outside.

IMMIGRANT offices work according to a time-scale all their own. The outside world and its petty considerations simply do not exist. For example, the first time I entered the ministry to conduct a simple, routine piece of business, I arrived at 12.00 thinking (naïvely) that I would complete the matter in half an hour before the office closed at 12.30. But it was immediately apparent that the queue outside the office was too long for me to have any chance of seeing the official that day.

The next day, I arrived at 8 a.m., half an hour before the office opened. The clerk arrived at 9 instead of at 8.30 and began accepting customers at 9.30. Like many other immigrants, I was forced to the conclusion that a visit to the ministry involves waiting an entire morning — and there is no way round it. How many work hours are lost through this wasteful, needless inefficiency? The ministry is also notorious for the time it takes to perform simple bureaucratic functions. Every immigrant knows that there is at least a three-week gap between the time he hands in all the forms and the

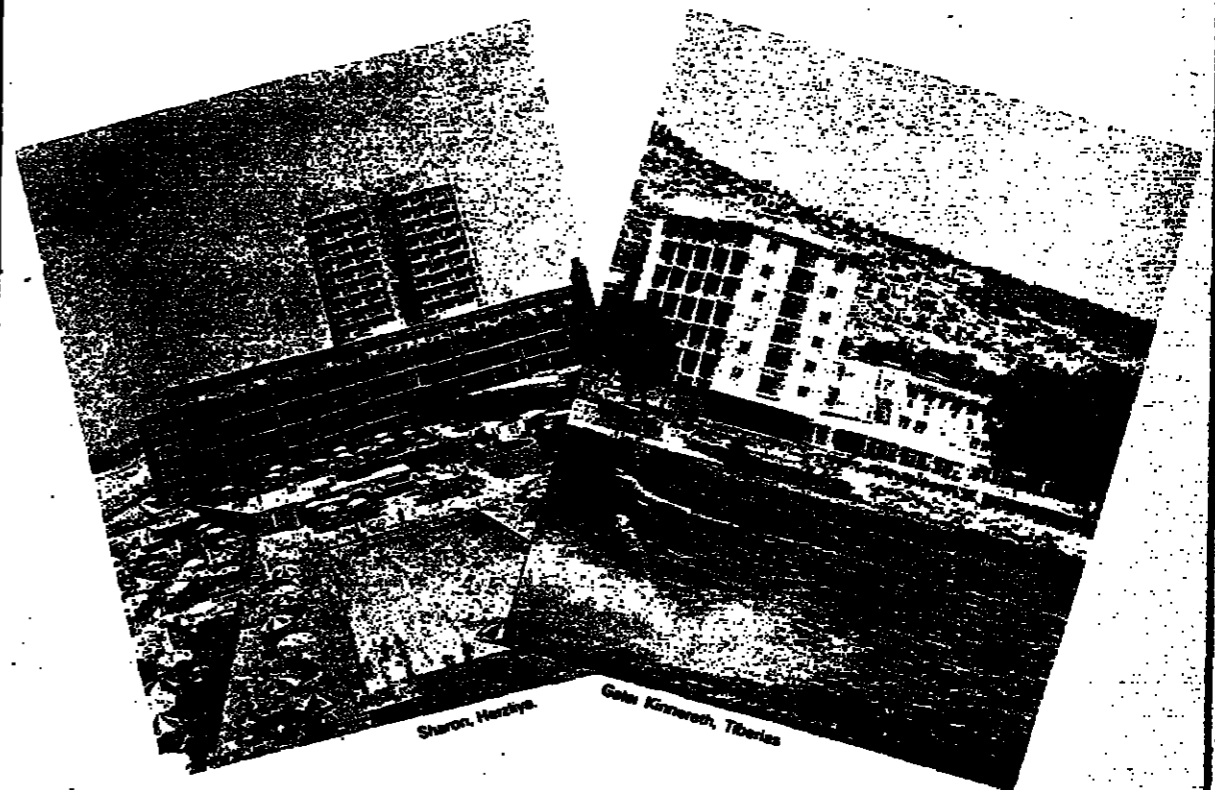
time he receives a cheque for a rent subsidy. Why?

FOR ME, every visit to the dreaded ministry is a profoundly depressing experience. Always the same scenes of innocent people, unused to the ways of the bureaucratic monster, losing their temper and shouting in frustration at the clerks in broken Hebrew. And often, the reply they receive is, "Why don't you learn Hebrew properly before you shout?" Always the scenes of women crying through sheer frustration at the smiling unhelpfulness of the officials.

In some ways, dealing with the Absorption Ministry can be seen as a test of survival. Those who make it through all the tribulations are probably the best fitted to succeed in Israeli society, where most ministries and institutions exhibit the same characteristics. But, this is supposed to be a country of immigration. Once people have actually been attracted here, it seems a waste to try to drive them back again, using the ministry of Absorption as a weapon.

The author, a Post staff member, is a new immigrant from Britain who has survived two years in the country.

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